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LATVIA TAKES REFUGEES OFF TRAIN. Prime Minister Maris Gailis on 6 April bowed to international pressure by agreeing to move the 100 or so Asian refugees from two train wagons at the Karsava railroad station to a detention center at Olaine, 25 km south of Riga. Foreign Ministry official Martins Virsis held talks in Moscow with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Krylov on the refugees and succeeded in obtaining assurances that Moscow would accept those refugees who could prove they had come from Russia. Virsis said the Latvian immigration police had acted too hastily in trying to deport the refugees without the involvement of the Foreign Ministry. Latvian officials have cited a lack of funds as the reason why better accomodations and medical attention could not be provided. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

EU ASSISTS LITHUANIA TO SOLVE BORDER CROSSING PROBLEMS. Lithuania's Deputy Minister of Transportation Algirdas Sakalys told a news conference on 31 March that the European Union has granted Lithuania $6.9 million to implement a three-year program aimed at resolving border crossing problems, The money will be used primarily to develop the infrastructure at customs posts with Belarus and Kaliningrad Oblast. Sakalys made the announcement at the end of an international conference in Vilnius on transportation and customs problems, attended by representatives from the Baltic States, Russia, Belarus, Moldova, Sweden, Finland, Poland, and Bulgaria. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.